

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

ON THE WING.

It will be pleasant to the patrons of the dear old EVANGELIST, the swift winged messenger, to hear that our conference just past was the happiest one we ever held in this district. Though not so numerous as attended as some of former years, the sweetest spirit prevailed all the sessions and our growing Brotherhood is cemented more strongly than ever. A rich effusion of brotherly love flowed from heart to heart and we could very appropriately quote the beautiful sentiment, "how sweet it is where brethren dwell together in unity." I remained about the city several days arranging my temporary affairs for a few weeks service in the mission field, and on the 24th inst., I was on my way southward to visit the King's Children in the counties of Floyd and Carroll.

These counties lay on the confines of the Carolinas about ninety miles at the farthest point from Roanoke.

The topography of the country is as rugged as nature could make it to be fairly habitable, but the people are so loving and kind that it is perfectly delightful to be with them. That explains why I endure the ordeal of a semi-annual visit to them.

In their manner of dispensing hospitality they are so simple, easy, natural, unaffected and all that. Many are beyond the reach of the markets of the world, as to many of the valuable articles of commerce and are thus removed from the temptations of wealth. Poverty in its chronic stages is absolutely unknown to them, and most every head of a family owns a bit of God's green earth, a part of the universal heritage. So much for the country and people.

It will be remembered by those who keep step in the march of events in the church that we organized a branch here at Topeco, Floyd Co., Va., last September. Our mission now is to water the little plant that was then begun and to build up the disciples in the Gospel faith. It is very pleasing to note the evidences of spiritual life that characterizes this "branch of the true vine." A live prayer meeting has been in progress for some months and the praise of our members is in the hearts of their neighbors.

Our first meeting last evening was well attended, and general interest manifested. Will preach this evening, to-morrow morning and evening and on till Monday. Now we will "take up our carriages" and go thirty-five miles farther south where our late acquisition, young Sister Alma Wisler and her parents live, at which place we hope to sow some old fashioned Gospel seed. This is specially a mission of seed-sowing. The plan is to stay there about a week, get acquainted with the people, fling out the old blood-stained,

battle scarred banner of the "Gospel Alone" and, after some months of reflection, return and gather the harvest of those whom the Lord shall choose.

It is estimated that one-half of the adult population of this country are on the broad road and yet there are people here, members of churches, who are helping Satan with all their might to keep us from converting them to Christ. Many exhort their neighbors and children not to come to our meeting and misrepresent us on all occasions.

Oh, what remorse awaits them when they shall be judged at the last day for such misdoings!

Yet it has been through just such firm trials that the "Gospel Alone" doctrine has to fight its way against the traditions and inventions of men. While persecution for the Word sake is bitter to the taste yet the blood and trials of the martyrs and pioneers of the church has always been its great vitalizer. I rather enjoy opposition for the sake of our Master who endured so much contradiction of sinners for our sakes.

At this writing the conservative class are gathering at historic old Meyersdale, historic in German Baptists annals.

It would be interesting to one who is as familiar with the history of that influential organization as your correspondent has been for thirty years past, to be present and note the conglomerate elements of which it is composed.

From its mission fields will come the diplomatic Gibson, the younger, whose mental equilibrium is not disturbed by excessive devotion to the "Order." From the editorial sanctum the sedate and wily Moore, laden with denominational honors won on a hundred well contested fields, and the Brumbaughs from classic old Huntington who stand on the sublime heights of intellectual and spiritual freedom but who want the heroism to descend into the sweet warmth of the green valleys below.

Polished and well-salaried Myers Bros. from Philadelphia and Greentree will be there laden with plaudits for their success in out-progressing the Progressives, and Coventry's intellectual giant, draped in the conventional habiliment of a clergyman will grace the great gathering with the dignity of his honored presence.

From the mountains of Virginia will come to the Bench of Bishops, (the S. C.) the portly corpus of John W. Eller who wears in his crown the bright star of victory for the service of transferring your correspondent to the peaceful vales of Progression, from the classic halls of her colleges will come the erudite Royers of Mt. Morris, the venerable and solemn Sharp of McPherson, the sage of Huntington, bishop Swigart.

The brightest literary star of the old Brotherhood, Professor Yount will represent Bridgewater, the

Bridgewater of fateful malodorous memory, and a Beahm of light will keep the star of the Botetourt Normal near the zenith, while from near the Golden Gate, where Pacific's waves wash our far Western shores, Lordsburg, the last born of the educational children will send her well beloved Professor Edward Miller whose bland broad smiles will brighten the council chamber where the savans will sit to develop the paramount interest of education, the late born hand-maiden of the G. B. church.

The champions of the ancient land marks, hoary with age, will come from the farms and work shops of all the states and, with fear and much trembling, will make one more struggle for the traditions of the fathers. Meyersdale of 1894 will make an additional page in G. B. history. May our Lord over rule it to his glory. I would be there were it not for the service that called me to these "everlasting hills" and mountains. How I would enjoy a hand shaking with the thousands of loving saints who will throng those grounds, whom I knew and loved during the thirty years of fraternal sojourn with them.

Among the brightest stars that will shine in the Savior's crown will be many of those dear saints whose lives have been a continued warfare to reach the upper spiritual skies. Of course the Judas and Ananias branches of the militant family will be there and as in the days of yore, they will be leading the Lord's hosts, but God will send them to their own place in due time.

"All is well that ends well" and may a joyous peaceful end come to us one and all.

D. C. MOOMAW.

HERINGTON, KANS., June 4th, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER HARRISON:—Please find enclosed draft on \$5 60. \$2.00 from me, \$2.00 from Sister Hansine Park, 10 cents from Sister Hanne Nielson all for Bro. Holsinger. \$1.50 for 1000 letter heads. I do not expect to go to the national conference, but I would be in favor of Brother Bowman's suggestion to have a special day set for prayer and fasting for a grand success of our coming conference. When Daniel understood the time of captivity was up he set his face unto the Lord to seek in prayer and supplication with fasting, for the deliverance of his people. To-day there are hundreds and thousands in captivity and bondage of sin that need still greater deliverance. Daniel confessed the sin of himself and his people, and the Lord heard him and sent the man Gabriel to inform him his prayer had ascended to the Lord, and said "thou art greatly beloved." Each of us must confess that we have not been as faithful as we might have been. But if we confess He is faithful to forgive. If every member in the church will humbly come before the Lord and ask for love, zeal, guidance, strength and ability to do

more for the Lord's cause this next year, and that our conference may make such plans (not rules) that will lead to greater work for the Lord in his own ways, in accomplishing the deliverance of many sinners from their bondage of evil to be set free in Christ, certainly he will hear our petition if we come in the right spirit and our prayers will meet at the throne of grace and be a sweet savor and glory to our blessed Lord.

What we, as a church, need specially is more consecration, more zeal, more Christ, less self, more sacrifice, less worldliness, more fervent love.

I do not know what becomes of our district conference, it seems we are somewhat on a standstill. Very dangerous ground for Christians to stand on indeed. If they ever decide to have a conference I intend to go there to give what little assistance I can to get the Gospel wheel to move with a better speed.

Yours Fraternally,
N. C. NIELSEN.

REPORT OF CORNELL BRETHREN CHURCH FOR MAY AND JUNE.

CORNELL, ILL.

We, as a little band of God's children, are trying, in our weak way, to live for Christ and to build up a church in which souls may be saved from sin. Our prayer meetings of late have not been so well attended on account of sickness and busy times. But the interest is very good. Sunday Brother Mast preached for us. My heart was made to rejoice to see so many out. I ask God's children to pray with me that the time will hasten when the Brethren will have a large church here. We have organized a sister's sewing circle here with Mrs. Holmes, pres.; Miss Mast, vice pres.; Mrs. Paine, sec.; Mrs. Vanderree, treas. We meet every two weeks, at different houses and devote our time in sewing. Then we have tea and each one pays five cents. This is used to help support the church. The last meeting was held at the home of the writer. Thirteen were present. All expressed themselves as it's being the best meeting we have had as yet. I am glad to see in No. 22 in conference work for the S. S. C. E. it has been suggested to send out a national organizer. I believe this suggestion to be an excellent one, and think it expedient to do this for the benefit of societies (and also the presidents) in weak churches who are at a loss at times to know just what is best to do in order to keep up the society and make it a success.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. ALICE J. HOLMES.

The Brethren composing the College Corner church, Wabash Co., Ind., will hold their communion service, Monday evening, June the 18th. Brethren come with us and enjoy the feast.

WM. SUMMERS, Pastor.